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FROM COLONEL ADAM STEPHEN.

WINCHESTER Novr. 22d. 1755

DR. SIR,

I had just finish'd my Letter of this date, when Capt. Stewart deliver'd me yours of the 18th. Inst.

The men I am in great hopes will answer your expectations. They shoot extreamly well, but are much harass'd at present with the Cattle—I make the Butchers, Cutters, Salters, & Coopers wait on Mc.Lean for Orders every morning.—and a Return is made to me every night of what work is done. —

To keep things alive I hurry'd down to Expedite Salt; want of which, brings us to a Stand. The Drovers threatn'd to bring us up the Carolina Cattle, which I thought necessary to prevent, untill I had receiv'd yr. Instructions —

Your orders with respect to the Maryland, and Carolina Companies, I will take particular Notice of.

As Recruiting is the only method of compleating Our Regimt. I should be glad to know your pleasure about Sending out any Officer who has a mind to go, we Can Spare Some. —

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I will despatch one up the Branch. —

Capt. Waggener desired me to mention his inclination of going to Philadelphia, please to take Notice of it in your next. Be so good as forgive my not Sending A Return per Bearer, of the pr. of Regiment at fort. Cumberland—I had one for that purpose, but in a mistake put it by in my pocket Book.

I remember there is 330 in the whole fit for duty of whom Carolina and Maryland furnish about 50 between them. —

I have discharged four in Winchester enlisted by different Officers, that never would be fit for the Service. —

Two of our Old men, One Shot in the Wrist and thereby disabled, named Brington—One Old Man worn out & infirm Beaumont, Some of Majr. Lewis' Company.—The State of Your Regimt. in these parts is nearly this

At Fort Cumberl'd. Effectives' 280 & 40 Serjeants a great Number of Corp¹.

At Enoch's Mill pr. 17 I Serjt. At Walkins Ferry 16 I Serjt. At Winchester 30 new Recruits Please to Consider the necessity of a party at Covos Ferry. —

Regular Returns shall be duly transmitted to you, and we shall behave as much like Soldiers as possible. I am hurry'g off some Waggons to Talmuth, and some to Belhaven as is most Convenient. —

I set off now to Walkin Ferry to View the Stores, and should be glad [multilated] Something about that Lodged in Maryland side—They will [multilated] a Right to them, it is like, when provisions are stopt at the [obliterated]

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There are Sixty of their Militia at Cressops but I believe they will Stay about the same time their Volunteer Company did. We shall wait your Instructions about Building with Impatience. —

The Accounts of our Behaviour is much Exaggerated, we must give them Credit and pay the publick the Balance next Campaign.

Commissions from his Majesty would give us New Spirit, and at any Rate we will Continue to deserve them—I am with Respect,

Sir, Your most Obt. hube Sert. ADAM STEPHEN